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## NOTED PLAYWRIGHT ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Mrs. Eleanor Merron Cowper Shot Herself in the Temple.

### HAD PREPARED FOR HER FUNERAL

Sent Letters to Lawyer, Coroner and Undertaker, Giving Directions as to Burial—Covered Her Head With Pillow in New York Apartments to Muffle Report of Shot.

By Associated Press.  
New York, Nov. 27.—Using a pillow to muffle the report of the revolver, Mrs. Eleanor Merron Cowper, a talented playwright and actress, shot herself in the right temple today in an apartment at the St. Regis hotel. She is unconscious and dying.  
Before making the attempt at self-destruction, Mrs. Cowper wrote a number of letters, one to her lawyer, another to the coroner, a third to an undertaker, and a fourth to John Hood, a friend. In the letters she apprised the four persons of her intention to commit suicide.  
An investigation revealed that Mrs. Cowper had made careful preparation to end her life. In addition to writing a letter to her lawyer, to take charge of her body, Mrs. Cowper had painstakingly written a brief autobiography of her life. The biographical sketch stated that Mrs. Cowper was born in England, and came to this country at the age of three months. Her maiden name was Eleanor Merron, and her stage career began in Boston.  
Mrs. Cowper wrote four plays which were produced on Broadway. They were "Daisy Farm," "In Love," "A Broadway Favorite," and "A Last Rehearsal."

## PROTEST MADE OVER AWARDED THIRD PRIZE

German Club Enters Formal Protest With the Contest Committee, Claiming That Nazzaro Accepted Assistance in Replacing Lost Tire on Last Lap of Race.

By Associated Press.  
Savannah, Ga., Nov. 27.—A formal protest against allowing Nazzaro to be given third place in the grand prize race to which his time in the contest, if allowed, entitles him, was made with the contest committee of the Automobile Club of America, today by Fritz Neumaier, manager of the German team, two cars of which finished second and fourth.  
Members of the German Volunteers, who were on guard at the course, declare Nazzaro accepted aid in replacing a lost tire on the last lap. Nazzaro flatly denies this.

### EMPEROR WILLIAM IMPROVING.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—A bulletin issued by the physicians from the new palace at Potsdam this afternoon announces an improvement in the condition of Emperor William, who is suffering from a cold. His majesty was able to pass several hours out of bed this morning.

## NOTED LADY MOUNTAIN CLIMBER BADLY INJURED

By Associated Press.  
Lima, Peru, Nov. 27.—Miss Annie S. Speck, of Providence, R. I., is suffering from a painful accident, having perforated an artery in her foot by treading upon a sharp nail. Dr. Merckel, who is attending Miss Speck, has succeeded in restraining a profuse

## Lumbermen Form a \$20,000,000 Combine

By Associated Press.  
Chicago, Nov. 27.—The Tribune today says:  
Chicago is to become the sole selling headquarters of a new lumber combination and Edward Hines is to be president of the syndicate.  
While figures published stated that the combination was a \$20,000,000 affair, competing lumber interests can see no limit to its capitalization, but at the same time they express no fear of its attempting to restrain trade by fixing prices. Frederick Weyerhaeuser, the lumber king of the Continent; Hines and others directly concerned vanished from Chicago yesterday and

it was believed they had gone to the home of Weyerhaeuser at St. Paul, Minn., to complete the details of the combination.  
A capitalist named in the venture was T. B. Walker, the largest individual owner of "standing" white pine in the world. Mr. Weyerhaeuser and Mr. Walker, it is said, have made previous attempts to arrive at a business understanding.  
The new combination not only controls the key to the white pine situation, but it also has a large voice in the hemlock, yellow Southern and Western pine fields. Mr. Weyerhaeuser controlling the supply of Mississippi.

## MEXICAN WAR VETERAN AND JURIST DEAD

Funeral Services in Washington of Former Representative Silas Hare of Texas, Who is to Be Buried at His Former Home in Houston, Texas—Was 81 Years of Age.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, Nov. 27.—The funeral services were held here today of former Representative Silas Hare, of Texas, a Mexican war veteran, a distinguished Confederate soldier, judge and lawyer, who died at his home in this city yesterday. The interment will be at Sherman, Texas.  
Judge Hare, as he was popularly known here, was 81 years of age, and had served in the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-first congresses. In 1862 he was appointed chief justice of New Mexico, which office he soon afterwards resigned to accept a commission as captain in the Confederate army.  
Shortly after the conclusion of the war he settled in Sherman, Texas, and was elected district judge, serving from 1873 to 1876. He was a delegate to the Democratic convention in Chicago in 1884 from Texas, and was a Democratic elector for the state at large in 1884. Since his retirement from congress he practiced law in Washington.  
He is survived by a widow and four sons: Major Luther Hare, U. S. A., retired, of Austin, Texas; Frank Hare, of Uvalde, Texas; Judge Silas Hare, Jr., of Sherman, Texas; and Mrs. John A. Smith.

**FLORIDA EXPOSITION.**  
Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 27.—January 20 to March 20 and the dates set for the 1909 Florida Exposition Fair and arrangements for the big winter show are already being made. Indications point to an unprecedented rush of northern tourists to Florida this winter and nearly all of them will probably take advantage of the opportunity to inspect the fair.

**NEW MEXICAN ROAD.**  
Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 27.—The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient road, the new line from Kansas City to the Mexican Pacific coast, is practically completed to Sweetwater, Tex., about 200 miles west of this city, and through train service between that place and Wichita, Kan., will be inaugurated a week from next Sunday. Work on the balance of the road through Western Texas will be rushed to completion.

## BOYS OF 14 YEARS ENGAGE IN A DUEL

One Shot in the Abdomen and the Other Had Arm Shot Off—Both May Die. Had Hunted All Day, Only to Quarrel When They Neared Their Homes.

By Associated Press.  
Rome, Ga., Nov. 27.—After hunting together all day, Bert Montaine and John Accommissy, each about 14 years old, became engaged in a duel, caused, it is said, by the former daring his companion to cross the road, and as a result both boys may die. Montaine received a load of shot in the abdomen and Accommissy's left arm was shot almost completely off.

## L. S. U. CLAIMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Statement Issued in Which Any Southern Team is Challenged.

By Associated Press.  
Baton Rouge, La., Nov. 27.—Representatives of the athletic department of the Louisiana State University today issued a statement declaring the undefeated team which represented that institution during the football season just closed to now hold the championship of the South. This declaration is supplemented with a challenge to a post-season game with any southern team.

**PROBE FINANCES.**  
New York, Nov. 27.—New York's financial condition will be the subject of a thorough investigation which will be commenced next Tuesday. Expert accountants have been at work on the books of the city and have their facts and figures ready for presentation to the legislative investigating committee when it meets next week for the first hearing.

**LABOR PROBLEMS.**  
New York, Nov. 27.—Labor problems, agreements between employer and employee, wage earners' insurance, employers' liability and the salary loan are among the important subjects added to the program of the National Council of Commerce for its session to be held in New York on December 14 and 15.

**ELK MEMORIAL DAY.**  
New York, Nov. 27.—Sunday, December 6, will be observed as memorial day by Elks throughout the country, according to announcement made here today.

**NATION'S RESOURCES.**  
Washington, Nov. 27.—The national conservation committee has about completed its task of taking stock of the nation's resources and will meet Tuesday to begin work on the report which will be presented to the president about January 1.

### MILLIONAIRE DEAD.

By Associated Press.  
Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 27.—J. George McGannon, the millionaire president of the Central National Bank here, died tonight from pneumonia poisoning, contracted while dining in a hotel.

Contains Mutual Guarantee to Respect Each Other's Possessions.

### CHINA MUST BE LEFT INDEPENDENT

Compact Binds the Two Nations in the Event of Complications to Consult Each Other With a View of Acting Together in Any Conflict That May Arise—An Agreement of Far Reaching Importance.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, Nov. 27.—Despite official reticence, information from reliable sources has been obtained of an agreement of far-reaching importance between the United States and Japan, covering the policy of the two countries in the Pacific.  
The agreement is based on the idea of encouraging and defending the free and peaceful commercial development in the Pacific. It contains not only a mutual guarantee to respect each other's territorial possessions there, but defines the attitude of the two countries toward China, binding each to defend by every peaceful means China's independence and integrity, and to give equal commercial opportunity in the Chinese empire to all nations.  
But more important still is the agreement in the event of complications threatening the status quo, the United States and Japan will consult each other with a view to acting together.

## AN ORTHODOX JEWISH HOTEL

New York Now Has a Hotel Exclusively For Them.

By Associated Press.  
New York, Nov. 27.—New York now has a hotel exclusively for orthodox Jews. Such an institution where Jewish visitors or families may observe all the old Mosaic dieties was opened yesterday.  
Several prominent rabbis of the city have inspected the kitchen of the hotel and declared it ideal to carry out Jewish customs of food preparation. Kosher meats will be served in competition with the tables set by the best restaurants and hotels in the city, it is said.

## SHOT WOMAN AND HIMSELF

Insane Act of Pittsburg Man When Woman Refused to Go With Him.

By Associated Press.  
Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 27.—James Frankel, 38 years old, shot and probably mortally wounded Ida Canton, 23 years of age, and then fired a bullet into his own head today in a resort here. Both are in a hospital in a critical condition.  
According to the police, Frankel asked the woman to leave the life she was living and go away with him. She refused and the shooting followed. Frankel is a widower with several children.

**CHI FIS IN SESSION.**  
Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 27.—The eighty-fourth annual congress of the Chi Phi fraternity opened here this morning with 260 delegates in attendance, representing almost every state in the union. The sessions, which are secret, will last two days. Chi Phi is one of the oldest of college fraternities and claims some famous men among its members.

### INTENDED FOR HAYTIANS.

London, Nov. 27.—The Daily Mail, in an editorial this morning, says: "It would be an immense gain for civilization were the United States to intervene and remind the negro people that people unable to profit by independence or to use it rightly must submit to the control of stronger and wiser races. The Haytian population deserves to be saved from its murderous politicians."

## FLORIDA NOW POSSESSES A BIG FOREST

Ocala National Forest Was Created by President's Proclamation.

HAS AN AREA OF 201,480 ACRES

Is the First to be Set Aside by the Government East of the Mississippi River—Located in Marion County, and Well Adapted to Production of Forest Growth.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, Nov. 27.—President Roosevelt has signed proclamations creating the Ocala national forest, in Marion county, Florida, and the Dakota national forest, in Billings county, North Dakota. These two states have been added to nineteen other states and the territory of Alaska, where the inland is under scientific forest administration.  
The Florida forest, the first to be set aside by the government east of the Mississippi, has an area of 201,480 acres, one-fourth of which has been taken up under various land laws and is well adapted to the production of forest growth.  
The Dakota forest consists of 14,080 acres and its creation is important, as it opens an experimental field for the planting in a state having only one per cent of tree growth.

## U. S. COURT IN TALLAHASSEE

Number of Cases Have Already Been Heard by Judge.

Special to The Journal.  
Tallahassee, Nov. 27.—The federal court convened Wednesday, Judge W. B. Sheppard presiding. Officers present are: Private Secretary P. D. Beall, Clerk F. W. Marsh, District Attorney Emmet Wilson, and his assistant Mr. Young; Chief Deputy Marshal H. Wolfe.  
Judge Oscar R. Hundley also, is here from Alabama, to hear cases in which Judge Sheppard is disqualified. These cases have all been disposed of, and Judge Hundley will return home today.

The following cases have been tried:  
G. F. Stoddard pleaded guilty to a conspiracy to defraud the United States. Fined \$500.  
F. F. Fudge pleaded guilty to being a retail liquor dealer without a license, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and thirty days in jail. But sentence suspended on payment of fine.  
E. O. Sellers pleaded guilty to devising scheme to defraud and using the U. S. mails to further said scheme. Sentenced to pay a fine of \$250.  
T. A. Ausley on trial on charge of the same nature.  
Civil suit of Lamb vs. T. P. & S. A. Railway, verdict of \$2,005 in favor of plaintiff.  
The court is still in session.

**MISSOURI EDITORS.**  
St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 27.—A two-day session was commenced here today by the Northwestern Missouri Press association. Editors from all over this section are in attendance.

### ARKANSAS EDUCATORS.

Siloam Springs, Ark., Nov. 27.—Some of the leading educators of Arkansas were present when the session of the teachers of this section was called to order this morning. State Superintendent George B. Cook spoke this evening.

## 100 DROWNED DURING STORM

By Associated Press.  
Manila, Nov. 27.—The coast-line steamer Ponting, carrying a large number of laborers from Narvacan to Pangasinan province, struck a rock and sank last night during a storm off the town of San Farnand. It is estimated that a hundred passengers and the crew of the Ponting were drowned. The steamer Vigaya rescued 55.

## MUCH EXPORT FREIGHT IS NOW BEING HANDLED HERE

HITCHCOCK TO BE IN TAFT'S CABINET

By Associated Press.  
Hot Springs, Nov. 27.—Frank H. Hitchcock has been offered and has accepted the position of postmaster general in Taft's cabinet, that is to be. Official announcement of this conclusion regarding the first cabinet selection of President-elect Taft will not be made until after Judge Taft has completed his cabinet, at which time it will be announced en bloc.  
Because of this and in view of the situation, no expression regarding the selection of Hitchcock is obtainable for publication, either from Taft or Hitchcock.

Commandancia and Tarra-gona Wharves of L. & N. Present Busy Scene.

### MANY SHIPS ARE TAKING CARGOES

Others Which Are Due Within the Next Ten Days Insure a Continuance of the Present Rush of Work—Several Hundred Men Are Now Being Employed in Handling the Business.

The Louisville & Nashville is enjoying a rush of export freight through Pensacola such as has not been witnessed at any period this year, and while the wharves are well filled with ships to present the number due here within the course of the next ten days insures a continuance of this work until after the Christmas holidays at least and possibly during the early portion of next year. At the present time over 500 men are being employed in loading and discharging cargoes at the various wharves.

**Much Cotton Handled.**  
While shipments of all kinds are being handled to foreign countries the movement of cotton is very satisfactory. A number of ships now taking cargoes of the fleecy staple, and several of the ships due are to take cargoes of this character.

The steamer Florida de Larrinaga is now taking cotton, and when she finishes the steamer will go to Galveston to finish loading. Another vessel that will take out a cotton cargo is the steamer Barkston for Venice.

The steamer Haxby will take a full cargo of cottonseed oil cake, which she is now loading, while the steamer Margherita, which is due, is to take the first full cargo of pig iron to go through Pensacola in two or three years, the exporting of the iron having again commenced.

The steamer Italia is now discharging a cargo of copper ore brought here from Cuba, and when she completes it will load cotton and a miscellaneous cargo for Liverpool.  
The steamer Manchuria is unloading kalm, and at the same time is taking on a cargo of naval stores for Bremen. The Capt. W. Menzell is discharging a full cargo of kalm, and a full cargo of cotton is now stored in the warehouses for the steamer August Belmont, which is due within a week. She will load for Bremen. A cargo is also awaiting the Gracia, which will probably arrive tomorrow or Monday.

**RABBIT RODE IN AN AUTOMOBILE.**  
By Associated Press.  
Caldwell, N. J., Nov. 27.—A rabbit rode in an automobile and a dog pursuing it dropped dead. The strange incidents sound like a tale from Munchausen, but they actually occurred near here yesterday. Chased by a yelping hound the rabbit jumped on a stone wall and for a while ran parallel with the automobile. Suddenly the little animal leaped from the wall and landed plump in the tonneau of the automobile.

The hound, not to be thus outwitted, continued to pursue the automobile until it dropped dead, either from exhaustion or from the effects of gasoline fumes.

**TRIP TO CLOUDS.**  
Boston, Nov. 27.—Fifteen members of the Aero Club of America, who were successful in a recent drawing for a trip to the clouds and return, will make an ascension from Pittsfield, Mass., tomorrow. The club will pay all expenses, the object being to encourage members in active participation in the joys of ballooning and other aerial sports.

## TIMELY RESCUE OF TWO MEN BY LIFE SAVING CREW

By Associated Press.  
Chicago, Nov. 27.—Swept by a fierce gale far out into the lake in an open boat, one oar gone and the small craft half filled with water, Otto Wengle and Peter G. Meyer faced what seemed to them to be certain death yesterday when they were rescued by the life-saving crew which sped eleven

miles to their aid in a motor boat. Both men were exhausted from their fight against awful odds, and are in a serious condition at their homes. Wengle and Meyer put out into the lake in their small boat shortly after daylight to hunt ducks. They had rowed only a short time when they were caught by the terrific off-shore wind and blown rapidly lakeward.

## DRUNKEN HUSBAND SHOT WIFE AND THEN SUICIDED

By Associated Press.  
Chicago, Nov. 27.—Edmund McCabe, an engineer, went home while intoxicated last night and ordered his wife, who had prepared a Thanksgiving dinner, to go out and "bring some beer, and be quick about it." She was lying in bed and, being frightened, pulled

the bedclothes tightly about herself. The husband then fired two shots from a revolver, one bullet entering the woman's body below the heart, the other penetrating her side.  
He then shot himself through the heart and fell dead. The woman is unconscious, but may recover.

## A NEW YORK TRUCKMAN ACTUALLY DIED OF FRIGHT

By Associated Press.  
New York, Nov. 27.—Daniel Quigley, a truckman, 49 years old, literally died of fright yesterday in Fordham hospital.  
Taken to the institution after he had nearly injured his foot, he grew pale

when ushered into the operating room and asked if his case was serious. He was assured that his injuries were of no moment, but at the sight of the surgical instruments and the operating table, he became panic-stricken and expired in the arms of an orderly, a victim of his own fear.